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From: Phil Taylor

Sent: Fri 8/7/2015 2:48:59 PM **Subject:** sludge from Gold King Mine

Hi Rich. Phil Taylor here with E&E Publishing in Denver. I'm working on a story under a tight deadline about the reported release of waste from the Gold King Mine in southwest Colorado. I'm wondering, is there any basic background information you can send me about EPA's role and what we know about the incident at this point in time? In particular, can you tell me anything about the nature of the waste that was released and any potential health threats? I need to file a story in just over an hour.

Thanks so much!

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